

Appendix M

Trail Funding Programs

TRAIL FUNDING PROGRAMS

Program Name:

Community Transportation Enhancement Program (“CTEP” or “TEA-21”)

Source of Funds:

Federal Highway Administration

Administering Organization/Contact:

MT Department of Transportation
CTEP Bureau, Thomas Martin
444-0809

Cash/Labor or Material Support:

Cash grants

Amount Available per Project:

Recipients can pool several years of funding for one project, if desired. Gallatin County total ~\$125,000/year.

Match Requirement:

20%

Activities that can be Supported:

Planning, design and construction; surveying; land acquisition for bicycle/pedestrian facilities and 11 other types of projects.

Eligible Applicants:

Incorporated cities and all counties

Application Process/Timeline:

Annual cycle. Contact city or county planning departments for their schedules and project – selection procedures.

Montana Organization that has Received Support:

City of Belgrade (sidewalks). City of Bozeman (Highland Avenue Trail), Gallatin County (Ophir School Trail)

TRAIL FUNDING PROGRAM

Program Name:

National Recreational Trails Act

Source of Funds:

US Department of Interior

Administering Organization/Contact:

State Trails Coordinator
MT Department Fish, Wildlife & Parks
444-4585

Cash/Labor or Material Support:

Cash grants (reimbursement for project expenses)

Amount Available per Project:

Up to \$35,000 per year

Match Requirement:

20% of total project value

Activities that can be Supported:

Trail construction and maintenance, development of trailside and trailhead facilities, property and easement acquisition, trail signing, other.

Eligible Applicants:

Community organizations and government agencies

Application Process/Timeline:

Applications accepted each December. Preparation of the environmental impact analysis typically takes several months, and must be complete when the application is submitted.

Montana Organization that has Received Support:

Gallatin Valley Land Trust; Town of Three Forks; Montana Conservation Corps, West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce

TRAIL FUNDING PROGRAM

Program Name:

Land & Water Conservation Fund

Source of Funds:

US Department of Interior

Administering Organization/Contact:

MT Department Fish, Wildlife & Parks

444-3750

Cash/Labor or Material Support:

Cash grants

Amount Available per Project:

\$50,000

Match Requirement:

50%

Activities that can be Supported:

Acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

Eligible Applicants:

Incorporated cities and towns, counties, school districts, state agencies

Application Process/Timeline:

Annual application process; submittal deadline November 1.

Montana Organization that has Received Support:

Town of Three Forks; City of Bozeman (several projects)

TRAIL FUNDING PROGRAM

Program Name:

Rivers & Trails Conservation Assistance Program

Source of Funds:

National Park Service

Administering Organization/Contact:

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303/969-2855

Cash/Labor or Material Support:

Staff consultation in the early development of a project

Amount Available per Project:

One to three years' worth of consultation

Match Requirement:

None

Activities that can be Supported:

Development of local project support, location of funding sources, sharing of case histories

Eligible Applicants:

Non-profit groups, community groups, local and state government agencies

Application Process/Timeline:

Annual cycle; applications are due in July or August.

Montana Organization that has Received Support:

West Yellowstone Trails, Inc.

TRAIL FUNDING PROGRAM

Program Name:

Rural Community Assistance Program

Source of Funds:

USDA Forest Service

Administering Organization/Contact:

Gallatin National Forest
Bozeman District Ranger
522-2520

Cash/Labor or Material Support:

Cash grants

Amount Available per Project:

\$5,000 for development of community plans; \$20,000 for projects to help implement the plans.

Match Requirement:

20% of total project cost

Activities that can be Supported:

Many activities that enhance “long-term social, environmental and economic sustainability,” including outdoor recreation and tourism. A plan for community sustainability is a required first step.

Eligible Applicants:

Incorporated communities and unincorporated areas that are dependent on forest and natural resources; rural communities with poor economies and major Forest Service presence.

Application Process/Timeline:

Applications accepted annually, in March

Montana Organization that has Received Support:

Madison County: wiring upgrade of the fairgrounds.
White Sulfur Springs: city park upgrade.

TRAIL FUNDING PROGRAM

Program Name:

Bikes Belong Coalition Ltd.

Source of Funds:

Private (the bicycle industry)

Administering Organization/Contact:

Bikes Belong

<http://www.bikesbelong.org>

617/734-2800

Cash/Labor or Material Support:

Cash grants

Amount Available per Project:

Up to \$10,000

Match Requirement:

None, but these grants are meant to accompany CTEP grants

Activities that can be Supported:

These grants are intended to complement Federal CTEP funding for bicycle facilities.

Eligible Applicants:

Local organizations, agencies and citizens

Application Process/Timeline:

Ongoing

Montana Organization that has Received Support:

City of Billings

TRAIL FUNDING PROGRAM

Program Name:

Open Space Bond Monies

Source of Funds:

Local taxes

Administering Organization/Contact:

Gallatin County Open Lands Board

Brett Morris

582-7827

Cash/Labor or Material Support:

Cash

Amount Available per Project:

Guidelines to be developed by Open Lands Board

Match Requirement:

TBD

Activities that can be Supported:

TBD

Eligible Applicants:

TBD

Application Process/Timeline:

TBD

Montana Organization that has Received Support:

The cities of Missoula, Helena, Billings have expended funds from successful open space initiatives.

TRAIL FUNDING PROGRAM

Program Name:

State Highway Development Program

Source of Funds:

Montana Department of Transportation

Administering Organization/Contact:

MDT

Butte Area Engineer

494-9625

Cash/Labor or Material Support:

When a trail construction project is carried out in conjunction with a state road construction or reconstruction program, the MDT may donate fill and construct the trailbed.

Amount Available per Project:

Varies

Match Requirement:

No formal requirement

Activities that can be Supported:

Construction of new trail

Eligible Applicants:

No groups explicitly ineligible

Application Process/Timeline:

Planning is part of the state highway planning process, with at least a five-year lead time.

Montana Organization that has Received Support:

City of Townsend

TRAIL FUNDING PROGRAM

Program Name:

Private Companies

Source of Funds:

Private

Administering Organization/Contact:

Varies

Cash/Labor or Material Support:

Support can take any form – cash grants, donation of materials or labor and equipment operation

Amount Available per Project:

Varies

Match Requirement:

Support is often applied as a match for state and federal grant programs.

Activities that can be Supported:

Land donation; donation or purchase of easements; materials purchase; design and construction of trails.

Eligible Applicants:

Varies

Application Process/Timeline:

These are usually one-time community-support projects that do not have a formal application process.

Montana Organization that has Received Support:

Recreational Trails, Inc., Great Falls (Montana Power)
Gallatin County (Holnam, Inc.)
Gallatin Valley Land Trust (CMC Heartland Partners)

TRAIL FUNDING PROGRAM

Program Name:

Programs of local service clubs and community organizations

Source of Funds:

Funds raised by the organizations

Administering Organization/Contact:

Bozeman Breakfast Optimists, Sunrise Rotary Club, Gallatin Valley Trust, Montana Conservation Corps

Cash/Labor or Material Support:

Usually labor and/or materials

Amount Available per Project:

Varies

Match Requirement:

Varies

Activities that can be Supported:

In Gallatin County, volunteers have surveyed, designed and built trails and accouterments such as bridges, benches, signs, and handicap-accessible fishing docks.

Eligible Applicants:

Projects are customarily arranged via Memoranda of Understanding between the service club and the public agency that administers the trail or park.

Application Process/Timeline:

May not be a formal process.

Montana Organization that has Received Support:

Bozeman city parks and trails